



# **Caroline – Dorchester Competent Care Connections Health Enterprise Zone**

## **HEALTH EQUITY**

# Caroline–Dorchester HEZ

## LOGIC MODEL

**Investment - HEZ Resources**

### **Actions**

Care Coordination  
somatic & behavioral

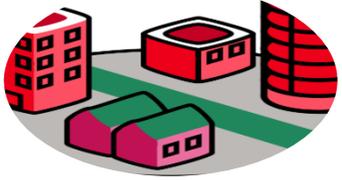
Access to Care  
somatic & behavioral

Peer  
Support

Access to Community  
Health and Social Supports

**RESULTS = improved health - reduced disparities - reduced costs**

# PROGRESS YEARS 1 & 2



## Expanding and Filling Service Capacity

### **Maryland Healthy Weighs (MHW)**

114 individuals averaged 14.2% reduction in BMI

36 DM patients averaged 15.2% decrease A1c

### **Shore Wellness Partners (SWP)**

91 high utilizers of hospital care served

year 1 - ED visits after 6 months enrollment = 26

year 2 to date - ED visits after 6 months enrollment = 11 (57.7% decrease)

### **Federalsburg Mental Health Clinic**

Anticipated opening April 2015

Increased access for 159 clients in Federalsburg zip code

# Progress Continued

## **School Based Wellness Centers (SBWC)**

Dorchester - Maces Lane SBWC - 221 students/970 visits

Caroline SBWC - 54 students/653 visits

## **Associated Black Charities**

256 participants received 1-1 health coaching

658 participants received community based health education

300 participants received health screenings

## **DRI-Dock/Chesapeake Voyagers Peer Recovery**

Drop-in center open Monday-Friday 8 AM to 6 PM

157 participants/539 visits

9.7 points average increase of the Quality of Life Self-Assessment tool

# Progress Continued

## **Affiliated Santé Mobile Crisis Team**

809 dispatches

167 hospital diversions with calculated savings of \$398,963

(average cost for ED visit is \$2,389 – Healthcare Blue Book)

## **Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center**

14 CHWs trained and deployed in the region

provide navigation and education services

## **MED-CHI**

Opening of Chesapeake Women's Health

(3 FTE providers - 528 patient encounters)

Recruitment of 2 new SBWC providers (1.2 FTE)

4 tax credit applicants

# **Progress Continued**

**Total participants served – 1922**

**Total number of HEZ partner participant visits -7662  
+ Chesapeake Women's Health visits – 528**

**Licensed Practitioners – 3.6 FTE**

**Licensed/Certified Healthcare Practitioners – 5.93 FTE**

**Other Staff – 12.58 FTE**

**Total Jobs Added – 22.11 FTE**

# Challenge - Care Coordination

Improve connections to assure we are -

“doing enough of the right things for the right people”.



## Year 3 Focus

Partners Linking

**ALL**

Care Coordination efforts especially among “high utilizers”.



## Solution

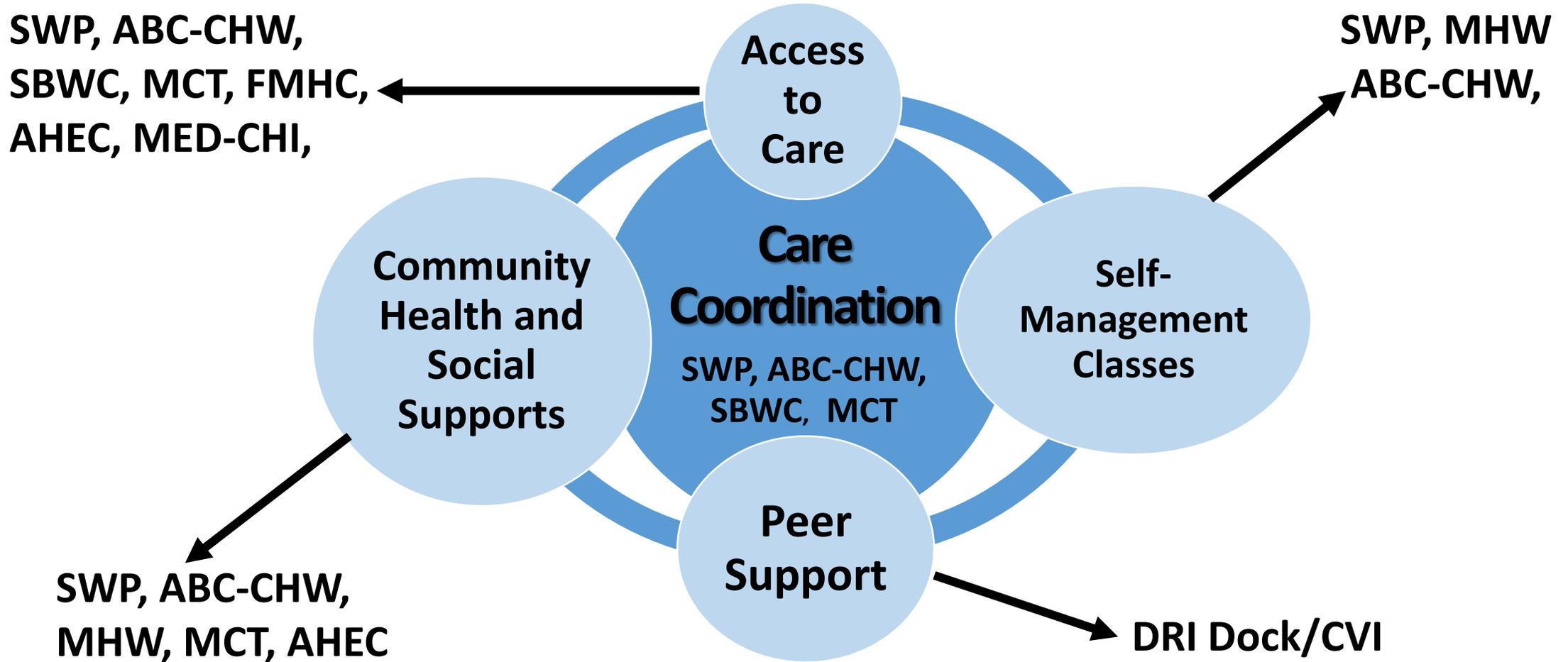
Partners working to develop a formal referral criteria.

Re-purpose funds (**\$40,250**)

Increasing SWP Community Case Specialist, R.N.

Coalition is exploring expansion of SWP nurse’s role to include some level of oversight.

# Care Coordination



# **Challenge - Data Vulnerabilities**

## **Personal Health Information (PHI) – HIPAA Compliance**

**Improved tracking of participants, services, outcomes, within/across partners over time.**

**Evaluation Partner** – UMES – School of Pharmacy researched EHR/PHR vendors to find a HIPAA compliant, cloud-based, user-friendly, affordable data system.

**Selected Vendor** – will provide custom designed, secure real-time data entry at point of service, for all providers. This HIPAA compliant EHR/PHR portal, will enhance coordination of care and collection of outcome measures.

**Re-purposing** (\$50,000) to implement new system.

# Increased Access to Weight Management

**Goal 1:** To improve health outcomes corresponding to diabetes and hypertension.

**Objective 1.1.** Year 3: Improve BMI by 10%, in 35 patients per quarter served by MHW.

**Strategy - Maryland Healthy Weighs, LLC (MHW)** implements the HMR Program for Weight Management™

- successful, research-based medical weight loss program
- improves long term health
- focused on making and sustaining healthy lifestyle changes
- prevent/reduce the incidence of the major chronic diseases

# MHW - Medical Risk Factor Changes

N = 114 patients who completed at least 8 weeks of Phase 1, 2014

Demographics	Average Age	Gender	Race
All Patients	57	65.8% F 34.2% M	87.7% W 12.3% B

Risk Factor All Patients	Initial Average Value	Latest Average Value	Change from Initial to Latest
Weight	256.3 lbs.	218.1 lbs.	↓ 38.2 lbs.
BMI	41.4	35.5	↓ 14.2%

# MHW - Medical Risk Factor Changes

N = 114 patients who completed at least 8 weeks of Phase 1, 2014

Demographics	Average Age	Gender	Race
HEZ – Total (34)	50	88.2% F 11.8% M	67.6% W 32.4% B

Risk Factor All Patients	Initial Average Value	Latest Average Value	Change from Initial to Latest
Weight – Total HEZ	268.2 lbs.	237 lbs.	↓ 31.2 lbs.
BMI – Total HEZ	46	40.9	↓ 11%

# Medical Risk Factor Changes

N = 36 diabetic patients who completed at least 8 weeks of Phase 1, 2014

Risk Factors – Diabetic Patients (43%) of Total	Initial Average Value	Latest Average Value	Change from Initial to Latest
<b>Weight</b>	<b>272 lbs.</b>	<b>229 lbs.</b>	↓ <b>43 lbs.</b>
<b>BMI</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>36.6</b>	↓ <b>14.5%</b>
<b>A1c</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	↓ <b>15.2%</b>

Meaningful Use of Risk Factors	Initial Compliance with Measure	Latest Compliance with Measure
<b>LDL</b>	<b>67% &lt; 100</b>	<b>83% &lt; 100</b>
<b>BP</b>	<b>71% &lt; 140/90</b>	<b>91.6% &lt; 140/90</b>

**86% of these patients reduced or discontinued their diabetic medications**

# Care Coordination

**Goal 1:** To improve health outcomes corresponding to diabetes, hypertension, and asthma.

**Objective 1.2.** In Year 3: 25 % reduction in hospital readmissions within 30 days, for 80 high utilizers enrolled with SWP for at least 6 months.

**Strategy:** Model developed by the University of Colorado and implemented by University of Maryland Shore Regional Health, Shore Wellness Partners (SWP).

In-home program offers links connecting participants to improved:

- securing health insurance
- access via admission to primary care practice
- knowledge and self-management
- medication access, management and compliance
- nutrition via securing food and/or food stamps

# Asthma Management at Maces Lane SBWC

**Goal 1:** To improve health outcomes corresponding to asthma.

**Objective 1.4** Year 3: Decrease by 10% the number of asthma exacerbations in school.

**Strategy** - The NP at ML SBWC will implement “Breathe Easy a Comprehensive, Evidence-Based School Based Health Center Model for Asthma Improvement”. This model follows six steps.

- Identify students
- Easy access to inhalers
- Protocol for handling worsening asthma
- Identify and reduce common triggers
- Enable students to participate in school activities
- Provide education to personnel, parent and students.

# Year 3 Budget Request

**\$727,000** Year 3 funding  
**+ \$233,785** Carry-over  
**= \$960,785** Year 3 Request

## Carry-over derived from

Dorchester HD - **greater collections**

Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center – **fewer trainings**

Shore Wellness Partners - **staff vacancies**

Caroline HD – **Federalsburg Mental Health Clinic opening April**

**2015 MED-CHI - \$60,500 – unobligated incentives**

Data Collection/Evaluation – **data collection re-focus**

# Carry-Over Investment in Year 3 Enhancements

**MHW + \$54,000** Expand services to additional 20 low-income participants per quarter.  
Current waiting list 25 **(Goal 1)**

**Dorchester HD + \$25,000** Asthma Management **(Goal 1)**

**ESAHEC + \$23,000** – SBWC Residency **(Goal 2)**

**SWP + \$30,000** Increase Community Case Specialist, R.N. to 1 FTE, utilizing increase to improve linkages for enhanced care coordination between partners. **(Goal 1 & 4)**

**ABC +15,000** Provides one additional .5 FTE. **(Goal 1 & 4)**

**EHR & Improved Data Management** - \$50,000

**Tax Credits** - \$25,000

**Indirect Costs** – \$17,173 (2% - Year 3 only)

# Program Partnerships Resources Leveraged

10 CHWs not supported by HEZ were trained & deployed in the region.

Community partnerships deploying CHWs to assist in implementing “[Living Well](#)” programing and the “[Check. Change. and Control.](#)” American Heart Association’s BP self-monitoring program.

DHMH Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Funding for Caroline & Dorchester - over \$1.6 million over 4 years for local health actions addressing Chronic Disease Prevention. Funding through Sept 2018 – 18 months beyond HEZ sustaining prevention efforts.

CWH increased capacity for women’s healthcare by 270 visits per week

Potential - Residency Program Partnership with School Based Wellness Center (growing our own).

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